

with his wife Mary Anne and their daughter Cora; and my lasting thoughts are with my dearest and closely held friend.●

REMEMBERING WILLIE JONES

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the attention of the Senate today the noble service of a great American from the State of Alabama. It is with sadness that I speak about Willie Jones, the director of the Cleveland Avenue YMCA, who passed away suddenly last week in Montgomery, AL. Willie was 55 years of age.

Willie was a true leader in the Montgomery community. As a teenager, he began working with the Cleveland Avenue YMCA as an aquatic instructor. He worked his way up to senior vice-president of the organization in Montgomery. Make no mistake, the Montgomery YMCA is one of the greatest "Y's" in the country and has been for many years.

He served on the Montgomery Housing Authority Board of Directors and the Montgomery County Recreation Commission. He was a man of deep religious faith, being active with the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. This faith, I believe, was the key factor in his positive outlook on life and his love for his fellow man.

Willie Jones loved people and they loved him. His constant motive was to help others and the primary vehicle for his life of service was the "Y." Few people were better known in Montgomery—from the poor young person needing a chance to the city's top executives and political leaders. They all knew him, admired him, and loved him.

For more than 40 years, Willie devoted his life to public service, leaving a positive imprint on the lives of countless Alabama youths.

I know how valuable the programs he worked so hard for have been for the young people of Montgomery. Time and time again, lives have been directed on a course to success as a result of the personal relationships and care demonstrated by Willie and his team.

It was a tremendous joy seeing Willie work with kids. He gave them opportunities at the YMCA, instilling in them a sense of hope and the knowledge that they could make a difference, both in their own lives and in the lives of others.

Willie was often quoted as saying "This isn't about Willie Jones; it's about the kids at the YMCA." Indeed he was an inspiration.

I had the great privilege to know Willie personally. He visited my office here in Washington many times over the years. I witnessed Willie in action—he was a man with a giant heart, and it showed on the expressions of folks who would light up when he entered a room.

Willie touched the lives of so many, and he will be sorely missed. Mary and I extend our deepest sympathies to his

wife, the Jones family, and to the Montgomery community. He was too young to leave us. There was more to do. But, his life was full and complete. He fulfilled his mission with purity and purpose, in accord with the will of his Lord. His life honored his Maker. Would that we all could live so well. May his life be an example for those of us who continue to serve in public office.●

REMEMBERING DON MARKWELL

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it is appropriate that we take a moment to honor the man who was heard on the airwaves in Montgomery, AL, for decades. A friend and longtime radio host, Don Markwell, passed away last Friday. Don was born in Island, KY, and began his career in radio as a disc jockey for WNES AM in 1956. He and his family moved to Montgomery in the late 1950s. Don created Alabama's very first talk show on WCOV in 1959.

In 1967, Don Markwell began the program he would later become famous for, "Viewpoint." Talk radio was a new concept in the 1960s, and Don had the foresight to see its potential and popularity.

Some people criticize the talk show format and the hosts. But it is an open forum. People could call Don and disagree, but they better be prepared. Listeners knew the drill. They filter the honest and dishonest, the fair and unfair. Indeed, talk radio is the modern day town hall.

I was delighted to be Don's guest on numerous occasions. He never had a problem asking the tough questions—something I very much admired in him and try to emulate. For some years, I took to calling him "Dean Don," dubbing him the dean of talk show hosts. He was that indeed. No one in Alabama and few, if any elsewhere, had such a record—he liked that, I think.

When I first ran for office, attorney general of Alabama in 1994, Don was aware of many problems associated with my incumbent opponent. He brought those issues out, gave me and my record a chance to become known by his Montgomery audience. Don offered my opponent a chance to appear, but he declined. Radio talk shows provide lesser known and lesser funded candidates a chance to be known by the public. I know my talk show appearances, as a little known challenger, helped voters to know about my position on the issues.

Don spent more than half a century working in the radio industry, 30 of those years hosting "Viewpoint" and never lacking in enthusiasm and controversy. He was fearless and principled.

His persona was libertarian. He was not happy with Republicans or Democrats. His problem with Republicans was that he expected more of them. He could spot a phony a mile—or 1,000 miles—away. Sometimes he spotted phonies that weren't phonies, but that

was not often. June of 2006, Don celebrated 50 years in broadcasting. In 2008, he retired from WACV-AM 1170 and said goodbye to the radio world. When Dan Morris took over Don Markwell's time slot on WACV, Dan kept the name "Viewpoint" and has continued Don's tradition of covering local and national issues during drive time.

As anyone in Montgomery, AL, will tell you, Don is a legend and a pioneer in talk radio. His accomplishments and outstanding service to both the broadcasting industry and the public are surely worthy of commendation. And what a voice—rich and deep—it was instantly recognizable.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Nell and the Markwell family in their time of grief. I, like many others, am grateful to have called Don a friend, and he will be dearly missed.●

REMEMBERING CHARLES F. JAMES

● Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President my home State of New Mexico lost a great man on March 13, 2011.

Charlie F. James, a World War II veteran and survivor of the Bataan Death March, passed away at the age of 89. He was the last survivor of the Bataan Death March living in Eddy County and I would like to take a moment to honor his memory.

Mr. James enlisted in the National Guard while still a young man in high school and was called to active duty service in January 1941, less than a year after graduating and just 3 days after getting married.

In September, Mr. James and the rest of 2nd Battalion/F-Battery were shipped off to Manila in the Philippines. The Japanese attack on the Philippines in December of 1941, mere hours after Pearl Harbor, led to 4 months of intense combat with very little in the way of supplies. His unit only had one functioning 37mm anti-aircraft gun left when allied troops at Bataan were ordered to surrender in April 1942.

While those 4 months of fighting were difficult for Mr. James and his fellow soldiers, the next 3½ years were even more horrific. Mr. James survived the Bataan Death March to then face ghastly conditions in Japanese prisons, and forced labor in Japan.

Mr. James was liberated on September 2, 1945, and honorably discharged. He was the recipient of many awards for his service, including a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Mr. James became a member of numerous veterans groups and he maintained close relationships with many of his comrades, including many who were held as prisoners of war.

After being discharged, Mr. James returned to New Mexico and to the two loves in his life: his wife, Lucille, and ranching. Having grown up in Carlsbad, his passion for his cattle ran deep in his roots. Those who knew Mr. James

hold many fond memories of him surrounded by his land and tending to his cattle.

Let us honor this man who was the last of a generation, one of an ever dwindling number of men who gave up years of their youth to protect our Nation, and thank Mr. James for his bravery, patriotism, and service. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 839. An act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1079. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 839. An act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1036. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Disease Status of the Brazilian State of Santa Catarina with Regard to Certain Ruminant and Swine Diseases; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AD12) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0034)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1037. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" ((RIN0579-AD21) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0031)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1038. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Horses From Contagious Equine Metritis-Affected Countries" ((RIN0579-AD31) (Docket No. APHIS-2008 0112)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1039. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting four legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1041. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on the actions taken by the Commission relative to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act during 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1042. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1043. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Hong Kong, China.; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1044. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Fuels Grant Program" (RIN2132-AA91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President

of the Senate on March 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1045. A communication from the Legal Information Assistant, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibited Service at Savings and Loan Holding Companies; Reinstitution of Expiration Date of Temporary Exemption" (RIN1550-AC14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1046. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-8173)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1047. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the decision to authorize a noncompetitive extension of up to five years to the Department's contract with the Board of Trustees for Leland Stanford Junior University (Stanford) for the management and operation of the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1048. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1049. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations of the National Park Service; National Capital Region Correction, Address Change for the National Mall and Memorial Parks, Park Programs Office" (RIN1024-AD96) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1050. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Rural Hospice Demonstration"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1051. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Correction for Neurological Listing Cross-Reference" (RIN0960-AH33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1052. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Safe Harbors for Sections 143 and 25" (Rev. Proc. 2011-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1053. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "LB&I Alert-Cases Forwarded to Appeals That Involve a Section 965 Issue and a Transfer Pricing Adjustment under Section 482" (LBandI-4-1110-034) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.